

REMARKS

The divisional application filed concurrently herewith related to a restriction requirement imposed by the Examiner and election by the Applicant thereto in parent case U.S. Application Serial No. 10/085815 filed February 26, 2002 entitled "Leveling Device." The parent case having claims directed to the apparatus have been allowed. Accordingly, claims 1-23, and 28-34 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims directed to the method, that is, original claims 24-27 have been retained and new method claims 35-40 have been added. The pending claims are 24-27 and 35-40.

Original independent claim 24 is based on allowed apparatus claim 1 in the parent case, and has been currently amended to include revisions made to claim 1 by the Applicant preceding allowance. Claims 25-27 depending from claim 24 are as originally presented.

New independent claim 35 is based on allowed apparatus claim 23 in the parent case, and includes revisions made to claim 23 by the Applicant preceding allowance. New claims 36-40 depend directly or indirectly from claim 35. No new matter has been introduced.

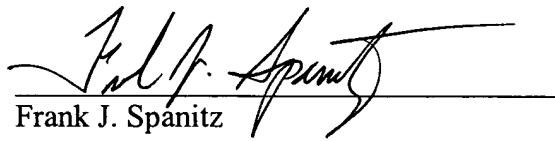
For the foregoing reason, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 24-27 and 35-40 are believed to allowable and requests a favorable response to that effect. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if a telephone call could help expedite allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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